

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.

--The present invention relates to an image forming apparatus comprising ~~an~~  
~~image carrier~~ a movable image bearing member ~~movable~~ on which an image is formed; ~~an~~  
~~a movable~~ intermediate transfer ~~body~~, ~~movable~~ member, ~~being~~ in contact with said ~~image~~  
~~carrier~~ image bearing member, to which the image on ~~the~~ said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing  
member is transferred; and a controlling means for starting ~~the~~ a drive of said ~~image carrier~~  
image bearing member after ~~the~~ a drive of said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member is  
started.--